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## Leftist spokesman blasts CIA 'thugs'

A spokesman for the leftist National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) said yesterday the CIA is a "world organization of capitalist thugs."

Dr. Stephen Pepper, a former Johns Hopkins University art history professor, told 20 SUNY Binghamton students and faculty members that about 10 per cent of the CIA's activities involve organizing racial tension.

Dr. Pepper charged that the group responsible for the Patricia Hearst kidnapping is actually an arm of the CIA.

He said the working class must overcome parochial interests and develop a thorough understanding of world economics to gain more control.

"We must look at the world as a whole," he said. "This is not as easy as most people seem to think. We tend to look from our immediate points of perspective — from a campus or a factory."

Dr. Pepper has been a member of the 7-year-old NCLC since 1970. He has returned from a six-month stay in Europe where he served as liaison between the NCLC and an agency that investigates the "brainwashing" activities of the CIA.

Yesterday's meeting at SUNY was a fund-raising session for NCLC, which Dr. Pepper refers to as the "widest network of intelligence briefing ever created by a non-government institution."